

Brooklyn's Women Politicians Preparing for Coming Campaign

Democrats of Fair Sex Especially Active in Proselyting Women of Other Parties Also Busy.

Brooklyn's women politicians are having a short breathing spell in the interval between the primaries and the Albany and Syracuse conventions. Plans for the campaign and for winter activities are still largely of a tentative nature, pending convention results.

This is particularly true of the Republican women, for their assembly leaders will not announce the appointment of their co-leaders until Oct. 2. As a result the women now in power are attending to strictly routine business, although it is practically certain that all of the present leaders will be re-appointed.

Although Democratic women seem to be more active than the Republicans just now, their meetings are more of a social than of a political nature. One large dance was held Saturday night, another is announced for this evening and still others will be held during October and November.

The Socialist and Farmer-Labor women will open their campaign on Oct. 5. This is the only party in Brooklyn to have any women candidates on its ticket. Mrs. Minna Ekenazi is their nominee for Congress in the 6th District. Candidates for the State Senate are Johanna Lindorf in the 6th and Gertrude W. Klein in the 9th Senate Districts. Their assembly candidates are Ida C. Hazlett in the 1st and Elizabeth Smith in the 7th Assembly Districts. This party plans to make a strong effort to interest home and professional women of the middle class in its campaign this fall.

Despite the absence of women's names from the Democratic ticket there have been several active rumors of possible changes in office. The testimonial dinner to Mrs. Mary F. O'Malley, woman leader of the 25th Assembly District and Chairman of the Women's Democratic Forum, has led to a number of reports. The one most frequently heard indicates that if John F. Quayle is successful in his campaign for Congress in the 7th Congressional District, Mrs. O'Malley will be given his place as City Clerk in charge of marriage licenses. Mrs. O'Malley is now a Deputy Clerk.

Another report suggests that an attempt may be made to swing the woman vote by giving Mrs. Alice Campbell Good a place on the State ticket selected at the Syracuse convention. Mrs. Good is prominent in the affairs of the 18th Assembly District. This is John H. McCooney's home district.

Mrs. Minna Ekenazi, Socialist and Farmer-Labor candidate for Congress in the 6th District, will make her campaign more an effort to educate the home and professional women of the middle class, who comprise the majority of the women voters of her district, in the aims of Socialism rather than an attempt to gain votes. Mrs. Ekenazi was a teacher in France before she came to this country, and taught French here for awhile. She is the wife of R. Ekenazi, an exporter.

She finds that the women of her district, which includes Flatbush, need to be convinced that the Socialist Party does not stand for the upheaval of the home. She intends to use her own home as an illustration of the stability of the home life of the women politicians of her own party. Mrs. Ekenazi believes that unless her own housework is done, and unless she keeps her own two children off the streets, she would have no right to tell other women what they should do.

Notwithstanding her political activities—and she has taken an active part in the campaigns of her party since she has been in this country—she has found time to contribute many articles to French periodicals and to supervise the education of her two children. As a result of their mother's teaching, Florence, who is eleven, is ready for high school, and Valentine, at seventeen, is a sophomore at New York University as a State scholarship holder. Both girls received part of their primary training from their mother.

Nearly 200 persons attended the victory dance which was held by the Ladies' Auxiliary of the Fifteenth Assembly District Regular Democratic Organization, assisted by the Lady Jefferson Club, Saturday night in their clubhouse at 774 Manhattan Avenue. Register James McQuade, Gerald Dunne, candidate for the Assembly; Jere F. Twomey, candidate for the State Senate, and George H. Lindsay, Congressional candidate, were the guests of honor.

Mrs. Mary Curry, President of the

Namara, President of the Lady Jefferson Club, headed the committee, which also included Mrs. William Cantwell, Mrs. Joseph Kuhl, Mrs. Belle Macris, Mrs. Helen Dross, Mrs. Charlotte Quigley, Mrs. Harry Kraemer, Mrs. Frances Woglon, Mrs. Anna Kavanagh, Mrs. Bertha Lotz, Mrs. Anna McCarthy, Miss Katherine McKillop and Miss Mildred Corcoran.

The Executive Committee of the Women's Equal Opportunity League will hold its first meeting of the season at the home of the Treasurer, Mrs. Lena Weinstein, No. 92 St. James Place, to-night. The committee will consider the advisability of endorsing some candidate to succeed the late

Mrs. Grace Strachan Forsythe as Associate Superintendent of Schools. A blanket amendment to the State Constitution which would give women equal legal rights is under consideration by the league. This differs from the equality amendment sponsored by the National Woman's Party in that it does not exempt the eight-hour and other laws protecting women in industry.

Chief among the women supporters of Charles I. Stengle, Democratic candidate for Congress, is Dr. Anna W. Hochfelder of No. 2104 67th Street. Dr. Hochfelder is the legal representative of many of the civil service women of Brooklyn. She will take an active part in the speaking cam-

paign and will attempt to swing the vote of the civil service women to Mr. Stengle because of his past efforts in their behalf.

Plans for a monthly dramatic night are being made by the Women's Democratic Club of the 7th Assembly District. Mrs. Agnes Leonard Ward, woman leader, will announce the Dramatic Committee shortly after the Syracuse Convention.

Miss Estelle Corcoran, leader of the women Democrats of the 15th Assembly District; Miss Mildred Corcoran, her sister, and Miss Katherine McKillop are delegates from their district to the Syracuse convention.

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